FIND IT VIRGINIA

A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Sept 1, 2021-Sept. 30, 2022

Research
Primary general knowledge databases offered for all ages, providing factual, reliable and relevant information.

Read
Whether for research or pleasure, enjoy a wide variety of periodicals, books, and audiobooks.

Learn
Online, self-paced learning opportunities for foreign language, career development, and academic topics are also available.

Find It Virginia is a project supported by the Library of Virginia and funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Its purpose is to provide high quality digital research, reading and learning options to insure the availability of reliable resources and information, quality reading and lifelong learning.

Find It Virginia's mix of resources are aligned to serve Virginians of all ages and resource needs, from baby's first learning experiences with its caregivers, to traditional students, to non-native English speakers, readers of all kinds, and opportunities for the curious to learn something new.

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LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE…

Please accept our thanks. Thank you for doing what you do. The pandemic made it clear how much our students, schools and communities rely on libraries and their professionals for access to accurate information. You have done a herculean job in the face of enormous challenges and Virginia is the better for it.

Choose your resources. Before delving into the technical information below, please visit http://finditva.com/ to get an overview of the new offerings. This will be the most comprehensive way to see what is out there and decide how you want to organize your own website with the links that follow. You will be able to see what we have sorted by age group but reviewing the **Index** navigation tab will be the best way to see the full scope of resources.

Did you know that at the bottom of FindItVA.com home page, you can find direct links to the full text issues of your favorite professional journals?

LINKS AND LMS INTEGRATION

http://finditva.com/ is the most efficient way to get to all of the resources, but you may not want ALL of the resources, given your student population.

If you use CANVAS or Blackboard, EBSCO and GALE provide LMS integration. You can find technical details at https://vpl.virginia.gov/lva-provided-content/find-it-virginia-for-schools/.

BOOKS

Junior Library Guild, Digital (JLGDigital)

- This eBook/eAudiobook online collection that has new books every month that can be read in a browser or on any device. Download the app from Google Play or the Apple Store for free or view in your browser.
- For app users, please use the username **VirginiaReader** and the password **VirginiaReade**r. Use the filter symbol to search by grade level. English and Spanish languages are available. https://jlg.ipublishcentral.com/bookshelf
- This subscription is valid until **September 30, 2022**. You might consider rallying financial support from your PTA/PTO or administration now if you would like your students to have this acces moving forward.
- Public Schools who wish to create their own site based on this may do so by contacting sales rep Lisa Terry at LTerry@juniorlibraryguild.com for a fee of $99.00.

Overdrive: All Virginia residents may access the Find It Virginia/Library of Virginia (LVA) collection, to which we have recently invested a large sum of money for inclusive children's, ya and adult titles and will continue to do so moving forward. You MAY connect your SORA account with this collection. Contact Nan Carmack (contact info below). To add the LVA collection to your "libraries" in the Libby app,

select "Add Library" and enter "Library of Virginia." Follow the on screen prompts. When it asks for a library card, simply add your local library card number. This does NOT require having an LVA card.

Novelist Plus: Reader's Advisory for High School and Adults

Access: This platform REQUIRES a library card buy librarians should consider creating a hot link on their workstation with the below links and their library card information for easy access.

- https://web.b.ebscohost.com/novp/search/novbasic?vid=0&sid=6b050bb9-04f4-485d-8fab-392cf3f971f1%40sessionmgr101

Novelist K-8 Plus: reader's advisory for students, K-8

Access: This platform REQUIRES a library card buy librarians should consider creating a hot link on their workstation with the below links and their library card information for easy access.

- https://web.a.ebscohost.com/novpk8/search/novbasic?vid=0&sid=4af4303f-919a-4a35-a294-5796fdad54e1%40sdc-v-sessmgr02

EBSCO

Explora is the "google-esque" interface to search both general information databases, including MasterFile Complete and ReadIt! Customize your links by replacing ns004890 in the links below with your client number. If you don't know your client number, contact your sale rep or Nan Carmack (nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov/804.692-3792)

- **Explora Schools:** https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=src_ic&groupid=main

Direct Links to

- **MasterFILE Complete (general information database)** https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=ehost1&defaultdb=f6h&groupid=main

- **Read It! (lower lexile and ESL friendly general information database, with comprehension activities)** https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=ell&groupid=main

HOMEWORK HELP

- **Homework HelpNow**: Available seven days a week, 2 pm to 11 pm. Connect LIVE with a certified teacher for assistance with homework (k-college), research and writing. This platform is available until **September 30, 2022.**
https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a_id=F7519BC3&ss=&r=
- **Rocket Languages**: Speak and understand a new language better. With 12 languages to choose from, including American Sign Language, Rocket Languages also features modules in Spanish and Japanese to learn English. Rocket Languages is perfect for the business or traveler learner, as well as extra practice for students.
 https://app.rocketlanguages.com/library/TRiZGE1M2
- **Just for Kids:** Authenticated by referring url, consider placing the below link on your library's website. Enjoy tv shows like Arthur, Sesame Street,as well as "read along" storybooks and so much more. Explore topics like reading, writing, math, arts and science!
https://jfk.infobase.com/nd_Home.aspx

GALE

Kids Infobits: This general information database supports K-6.

Career Transitions: Great for highschoolers beginning to explore their career interests, paths and job searching.

A direct link for your institution for both products can be found here:
https://support.gale.com/finditva. Search your library name to get your custom URL link.

RESOURCES REQUIRING PUBLIC LIBRARY CARDS

Access all of these resources through your local public library website. While they require a library card for use, we hope you will encourage their use by your students and reach out to your public library to work on getting virtual cards for all students.

Universal Class: a diverse self-paced online learning experience from academic to hobby to business skills. Algebra, basic grammar, calligraphy, civics, as well as test prep can all be found in the over 300 classes.

Overdrive: provides digital magazines, eBooks and eAudiobooks, selected to represent diverse and inclusive titles for children, youth and adults.

Early World of Learning: an early learning experience and complete curriculum for children from birth through about 2nd grade, featuring read to me resources, downloadable books, lesson plans, and options for Spanish presentation.

HELP!

ONLINE

- **On the web:** The Library of Virginia maintains a site specifically for public and school librarians. Find resources, links, tutorials and more at: https://vpl.virginia.gov/lva-provided-content/ . This page will also announce problems, fixes, additions, etc.
- **FIVATECH listserv:** join by emailing Paranita Carpenter at Paranita.carpenter@lva.virginia.gov.

ACTUAL HUMANS

Library of Virginia's Library Development and Networking Team is here for you. If you are having trouble, contact

- Nan Carmack, Director at nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov or (804)692-3792
- Barry Trott, at barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov after 10/1/21.

The Gale and Ebsco and WorldBook reps you have always worked with can also help you!

KNOWN ISSUES AND TEMPORARY FIXES

EBSCO authentication problems: we are aware that home networks and some school networks are receiving a log in screen rather than going straight to the resources, which should be geo-authenticated. The main problems seems to be that large providers such as Comcast and Verizon may be resolving their IP addresses out of state. Ebsco is working on it. Here are two things to try:

1. Set your devices to accept cookies. Ebsco provided this link they call 'The Cookie Killer'... http://search.ebscohost.com/testauth.aspx

   ....and here is a screencast of what you will see before using the link and what you should see after using it. https://www.screencast.com/t/O5ZkkQ88K6T

2. Considering placing these credentials with your EBSCO links or provide users with these generic log in credentials: **Userid:** valib   **Pw:** va@lib21!